

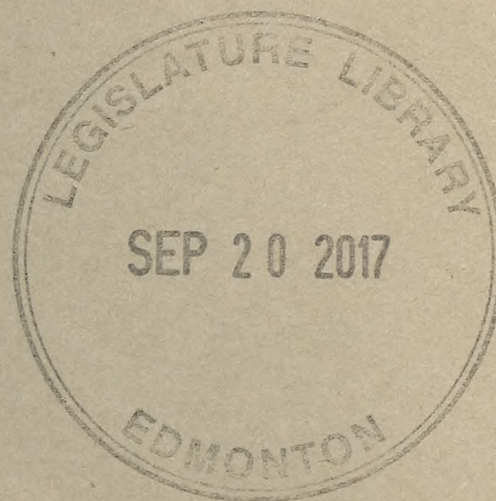
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NOTE.

For the sake of brevity the following sections of the Board's report, as tabled in the Legislature, and consisting of summaries of the matters therein set out, are omitted from this Report:

- (a) Orders relating to Provincial Railways.
- (b) Debenture borrowings by local authorities.
- (c) Orders approving of revenue and expenditure of local authorities, under the Municipal Finances part of The Public Utilities Act, and summary of informal applications under this part.
- (d) Orders relating to the amendment and cancellation or approval of subdivision plans.

These may be obtained on application to the Board.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, 1928

TO THE HONOURABLE J. E. BROWNLEE,
Chairman of the Executive Council of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

SIR,—

In accordance with the requirements of The Public Utilities Act, the Board of Public Utility Commissioners has the honour to submit its Report for the year 1928, being the board's thirteenth Annual Report.

Amendments to Public Utilities Act:

At the last session of the Legislature, The Public Utilities Act was amended so as to give the board power to deal with cases where territory, already occupied by one company, was threatened with invasion by a second company. By another provision of the amending Act, it was provided that no approval of franchise grants by a municipality should be given by the board unless the franchise agreement contained a term providing that the franchise should not be exclusive as against the Province.

By a further amendment to the Act, the board was given the power to deal with the question of annexation of land to cities.

Public Utilities:

During the past year the Calgary Power Company has obtained franchises to distribute in, or has entered into contracts to supply power in bulk to, a number of the towns and villages along the Calgary and Edmonton line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, between the cities of Red Deer and Edmonton, and has also extended, or is in the course of extending, its lines so as to serve a number of the larger urban communities north and east of the latter city.

In addition, it is now serving the town of Wainwright and practically all the towns and villages along the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Camrose and Hardisty, including the latter town. This company, during the year in question, has also acquired the stock of the United Electric & Engineering Company, Limited, which has been supplying a number of the towns in the territory east of Calgary, including the towns of Bassano, Gleichen and Strathmore, and has brought into effect in that system, the rates generally applicable in its system throughout the Province.

Canadian Utilities, Limited, which operates, amongst others, a power plant at Drumheller, and has been for some time supplying electric power

to a number of communities in that territory, during the year obtained franchises covering the towns of Stettler and Coronation and a number of urban municipalities in the adjacent territory.

Various franchise agreements in connection with the operations of these two companies have come before the board for approval and are shown in the list of franchise applications dealt with by the board during the past year.

Two applications under the 1928 amendment to the Act already referred to, in which one utility company sought to enter into territory either already supplied, or that might be logically considered the territory of another company, were dealt with during the period in question, and decisions thereon are given in this report.

During the year a new rate schedule for natural gas, involving a considerable reduction in the rates chargeable by the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Company, Limited, throughout its system in the southern part of the Province, was, after negotiations between the parties interested and at the request of those parties, approved of by the board.

Debenture Issues by Local Authorities:

Debenture borrowings by the various cities of the Province during the past year were largely in excess of such borrowings during the previous year. The purpose of these borrowings, however, has been almost exclusively for necessary works, delayed until the improved financial position of the various cities warranted the expenditures.

Debenture issues by towns and municipalities for the period in question were considerably greater than such issues for the year preceding, but do not represent any extraordinary expenditure.

The much larger borrowings during the past year by municipal hospitals, as compared with borrowings of the previous year, are explained by the fact that these issues cover building expenditures in a number of newly formed or newly enlarged hospital districts.

School borrowings for the year in question have greatly exceeded those of the previous year. The need of greatly increased school accommodation in the cities has required large expenditures by the cities. Rural school borrowings show a considerable increase over those of the previous year, but can be in no way considered excessive.

Municipal Finances:

The Board's recommendation for final settlement in connection with the finances of the town of Beverly is now under consideration by the debenture holders. The terms of the various recommendations already in force are being met by the municipalities that have availed themselves of the provisions of this part of the Act. During the year some thirty-four formal programmes of revenue and expenditure have been dealt with by the board, in accordance with its powers under this part of the Act, while some seventy-eight inquiries, without formal application, were dealt with during the year.

Subdivision Plans:

Applications for cancellation of subdivision plans were somewhat fewer in number than in the year previous, while the number of applica-

tions for approval of new subdivision plans somewhat increased, influenced, undoubtedly, by further railway construction.

Sale of Shares Act:

The usual number of applications under The Sale of Shares Act was dealt with during the course of the year, these being, with but one exception, applications by provincial or foreign companies. With the decision of the Privy Council confirming the previous judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada, whereby Dominion incorporated companies were held to be without the scope of The Provincial Sale of Shares Act, the hopelessness of attempting to protect the public by means of this type of legislation from exploitation by unscrupulous stock salesmen, becomes apparent, although the Act is still effective as against foreign companies.

Coal-miners' Wages Security Act:

Under the provisions of this Act, passed at the last session of the legislature, and providing that coal-mine owners shall file satisfactory bonds to secure the payment of their employees' wages, the board is given power to grant the mine-owner a certificate exempting him from the necessity of providing such bond. Fifty-seven formal and twenty informal applications were made under this Act during the year and thirty-nine certificates were issued. The board believes it would be unfair to specify the unsuccessful applicants and there is nothing to be gained by a publication of the successful ones, as any mine-owner not having the board's certificate, must provide a satisfactory bond in any event.

Summaries of all matters dealt with by the board during the year in question, whether already referred to or not, are given in the following pages of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. A. CARPENTER,
Chairman.

(Signed) E. J. FREAM,
Commissioner.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA,
January 26th, 1929.

IN THE MATTER OF The Public Utilities Act, 1923;
AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval of contracts made by it with certain coal-mining companies operating in the Municipal District of Carbon, for the supply to them of electric power.

Application by the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of contracts made by it with the Rosedeer Coal Mining Company, Limited; Excelsior Collieries, Limited; Jewel Collieries, Limited, and the Ideal Coal Company, Limited, for the supply of electric power to those companies.

The companies in question are operating mines in the Wayne district of the Drumheller field, the mines in question being situated in the Municipal District of Carbon, and not being in any municipality entitled to grant a franchise for the supply of electric light and power. The mines in question are now served by the Union Power Company, Limited, the plant of which is in the town of Drumheller and which Company, along with its associated company, Mid West Utilities, Limited, holds franchises from the towns of Drumheller, Big Valley, Stettler, Castor and Hanna, as well as from a considerable number of villages between these towns, and it is either distributing or is in the course of constructing transmission lines to distribute power to these various places. This company also holds franchises in a number of villages west and north-west of Drumheller, including the villages of Carbon, Three Hills and Trochu, which are also being connected up with its Drumheller system and, in addition, it serves the mines at Rosedale and Wayne.

The application, which is opposed by the Union Power Company, is made by reason of an amendment to The Public Utilities Act, 1923, being subsection (3) of section 2 of Chapter 45, Statutes of Alberta, 1928, this amendment providing that—

“No person shall supply electrical power within any municipal district or improvement district, to any person whomsoever, without the approval of the board, which approval shall not be given unless the board is satisfied, having regard to the availability of any other source of power and to any other circumstances, that such approval is to the general benefit of the area.”

In the case of urban municipalities, which under their respective municipal Acts are empowered to grant franchises to public utility companies, it is already provided by section 77 of The Public Utilities Act that no such franchise or privilege shall be valid until approved by the board and that approval is to be given upon the board determining “that such privilege or franchise is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interests.” Prior to the amendment above recited, where the municipality had no power to grant a franchise, as is the case with municipal or improvement districts, the Board of Public Utility Commissioners had no power whatever to deal with the question of whether a utility company should or should not be allowed to extend its service into such a district. In connection with the amendment already referred to, it is necessary to refer to a further amendment contained in the same section of the amending Act of 1928 and dealing with the case of grants of franchises by urban municipalities. Subsection (2) of section 2 referred to, provides that the board shall not approve of any such grant unless it is satisfied that the scheme

for the supply of power is reasonable and sufficient and unless it is also satisfied that "having regard to the availability of any other source of supply in the area in which the municipality is situated and to any other circumstances, the granting of such franchise or privilege is to the general benefit of the area directly or indirectly affected thereby."

Under the provisions similar to those of section 77 already referred to, American Public Utility Commissions have, undoubtedly, exercised jurisdiction to prohibit a second company from going into a field already served by another utility company, on the ground that competition and resulting duplication of facilities and operating costs are not to the public interest, in the case of a utility company whose operations are subject to commission regulation. In exercising such jurisdiction, the American commissions have taken into consideration such facts as are set out in subsection (2) above referred to and this subsection appears to merely emphasize the fact that the board must, in considering such an application, give weight to the fact that the field is already served by another company and that it must consider the effect competition may have upon the service throughout the area generally.

Subsection (3) requires the board, before giving approval to any contracts such as the ones under consideration, to be satisfied that such approval is to the general benefit of the area, having regard to the availability of any other source of power and to other circumstances. Some question might be raised as to what interpretation should be given the word "area," where it occurs in this subsection, but the board believes that, where this word occurs in this subsection (3), the same interpretation should be given to it as is given to the term "area" in the prior subsection, namely, the area directly or indirectly affected. If this is so, the same requirements are to be observed by the board in the case now under consideration, as in the case of the grant of a franchise by an urban municipality and, in this case, the board should consider the effect that the entrance of the Calgary Power Company into the Wayne field will have generally upon the area served by the Union Power Company and not merely the effect that such entrance would have upon the immediate area contiguous to these mines.

There is no suggestion that the Union Power Company has not sufficient power to meet the demands that may be made upon it in the territory served or to be served by it, nor is there any suggestion that the rates now charged are exorbitant. Counsel for the applicant company, however, has stressed the applicant's contention that the rates offered the four companies in question by it are substantially lower than those now in effect for power supplied by the Union Power Company and the point is further stressed that the latter company only substantially reduced its power rates when the imminence of the entrance of a competing company into the field was apparent.

In regard to cases where a company already occupying a field, has not been giving adequate service or has been charging exorbitant rates, the practice of utility commissions in some of the western states, and particularly in the State of California, appears to differ from the practice generally adopted by commissions in the eastern and southern states. In the latter states, a company which has not been giving a proper service has generally been given a chance to improve that service before a competing company is allowed in the field occupied by it but in the former states, if the improved service has only resulted from the threatened competition, the company threatening competition is allowed to go into

the territory already occupied by the first company. However, even in these states, the evidence against an established company would probably be required to show pretty conclusively its failure to furnish adequate service at reasonable rates and a mere shading of rates would be insufficient.

It appears to the board that which of these two methods should be followed must really depend upon the facts in the particular case and it is not prepared to rigidly adopt one or the other of these practices. Where, however, the service has not been shown to be inadequate, the board doubts whether, merely because a competing company promises a lower rate to certain consumers, it should be allowed to invade the territory already served by another company.

In regard to the question of the comparison of the rates of the two companies, the Union Power Company denies that its rates are not as low as those of the applicant company and, indeed, claims its rates are actually lower. The two schedules of rates are figured out on a different basis and it is not easy to make an exact comparison. However, the applicant company has worked out a comparison of the two schedules in connection with one of the mines in question and the difference in its favour appears to be in the neighborhood of six per cent. Having regard to the effect of the entrance of another company into this field upon the Union Power Company's system, the board is not prepared to say that any such difference in rates would warrant it in permitting a competing company to enter this field at the present time, assuming that the comparison referred to is correct. It is quite probable that the imminence of competition did induce the Union Power Company to reduce its rates, but the board is not willing to hold that this fact alone should entitle the applicant company to enter the field.

It is clear that the entrance of the applicant company into this field would deprive the Union Power Company of a very considerable portion of its revenue. The amount of power taken by the mines in question is estimated for the current year to be more than one-third of the total power sold to the mines throughout the territory in question and the mine load comprises more than one-half of the estimated total power supplied by the Union Power Company in the year.

Having in view the effect that the entrance of the Calgary Power Company into the Wayne field would have upon the area already served by the Union Power Company, the board does not see how it can give its approval to the contracts in question. The board understands that the applicant company has made considerable expenditure looking forward to extending its transmission line into the Wayne field, and while this is very regrettable, the board feels obliged to refuse the present applications.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS,

(Signed) A. A. CARPENTER,
Chairman.

Edmonton, Tuesday, the nineteenth day of June, A.D. 1928.

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Town of Lacombe and Canadian Utilities, Limited, for approval of a franchise agreement for the supply of electric light and power by the Company to the Town of Lacombe and its inhabitants for a ten-year period.

APPEARANCES:

For Canadian Utilities, Limited, H. R. Milner, K.C.

For the Town of Lacombe, J. S. McCormick.

For the Calgary Power Company, C. L. Freeman, K.C.

The applicant company is at present generating its power in a plant in the town of Drumheller. It holds franchises covering the towns of Drumheller and Stettler and various towns and villages between those points and also franchises for most of the village and town municipalities lying between Drumheller and Hanna in the south and Stettler and Coronation in the north, and has also franchises for the villages of Alliance, Galahad and Forestburg, north-easterly of Stettler, and for the village of Erskine, some eight miles west of that town.

The application is opposed by the Calgary Power Company, which develops hydro-electric power on the Bow River and which at present has under construction an additional power plant on that river. This company serves most of the towns and villages south of Calgary and also those along the Calgary and Edmonton branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway as far north and including the city of Red Deer. It also holds franchises for the villages of Alliance, Bashaw, Mirror and Clive easterly of the town of Lacombe, as well as franchises for the town of Leduc, the village of Millet, and for all the urban municipalities on the Wetaskiwin line from Bawlf to Hardisty and for the town of Wainwright. It also holds franchises covering the towns and villages east of Edmonton as far as Lamont, and the village of Westlock, north of Edmonton.

Section 360 of The Town Act empowers the Council of any town to enter into a franchise agreement, limited as therein set out, and subject to the approval of this board. Section 77 of The Public Utilities Act also provides that no franchise granted to the proprietor of a public utility shall be valid until approved by the board, which approval is to be given only when the board has determined that such franchise is necessary and proper for the public convenience and properly conserves the public interest. This provision is amplified by an amendment passed at the last session of the Legislature, being section 78(a) of The Public Utilities Act, which provides that before giving its approval to the grant of a franchise, the board must be satisfied, first, that the scheme for the supply of power is reasonable and sufficient, having regard to the general circumstances, and, second, that having regard to the availability of any other source of supply in the area in which the municipality is situated, and to any other circumstance, the granting of such franchise is to the general benefit of the area directly or indirectly affected.

In the present case both the companies mentioned have been endeavoring to enter into an agreement with the town of Lacombe and it has apparently resolved itself into a question as to which company can offer the town the most favorable terms. So far as the town itself is concerned, the franchise has gone to the highest bidder. There is not a great deal of difference in the rates offered by the two companies, although those offered by the Canadian Utilities, on the whole, appear to be somewhat less than those offered by the Calgary Power Company. However, the

transaction involves the taking over of the town's municipal plant and the applicant company has offered to pay the town \$55,000.00, while the highest offer the Calgary Power Company was willing to make was \$45,000.00. The applicant company also proposes, at the end of eighteen months, to hand back to the town all the town's equipment in its present power plant and also proposes to assume the cost of any necessary engine-driven pumping plant over and above \$6,000.00.

The board's impression is that the amount offered by the applicant company is considerably greater than the actual value of the town's system. If so, either the town or the system as a whole must expect to pay in the long run in some way or other any such excess. The question, therefore, arises as to whether the board should, under such circumstances, always approve of a franchise granted to the highest bidder.

Counsel for the applicant company contends that Lacombe is in virgin territory and occupied at present by no other company. It is true that, so far as the Calgary and Edmonton Railway line is concerned, with the exception of the town of Leduc and, possibly, the village of Millet, the Calgary Power Company is not serving any of the communities on this line north of Red Deer. However, that company is undoubtedly obligated to continue its line northward, and if there are any equities to be considered, they would appear to be in favor of that company so far as this territory is concerned.

However, the board does not consider it necessary in the present application, to decide such a question. The nearest point to Lacombe where Canadian Utilities holds a franchise, is the village of Erskine, some forty-two miles by rail from Lacombe. It has no other franchise in the territory involved, but counsel suggests that this company is negotiating franchises with Ponoka, Wetaskiwin and Camrose. It is admitted that a central power plant somewhere north of Lacombe will be necessary to properly serve the territory in question and that unless that is done, the company will install a plant in Lacombe, using Deisel engines. Having this point in mind, the board would, before approving of any proposed franchise, have to be satisfied that with the rates in question, such a scheme would be feasible. It cannot be expected to act merely on the suggestion that endeavours are being made to obtain further franchises which would enable the company to satisfactorily serve the town in question. It may be said, therefore, that at the present time, the board is not satisfied that the granting of this franchise would be of general benefit to the area directly or indirectly affected. As the matter now stands, indeed, the board is not satisfied that the proposed franchise is to the benefit of the town of Lacombe itself, but, in any event, it is necessary for the board to consider the question having in view its effect upon the whole system.

There is no power, so far as the board is concerned, for it to grant franchises and no town is forced to grant a franchise unwillingly. So far as any dealings between the Calgary Power Company and the town of Lacombe are concerned, it is a matter entirely for the parties themselves.

As to the agreement in question, the board, for the reasons given, is of the opinion that it should not be approved and the application is, therefore, refused.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS,

(Signed) A. A. CARPENTER,

Chairman.

Edmonton, Thursday, the twenty-third day of August, A.D. 1928.

Miscellaneous Orders Relating to Public Utilities

January 24, 1928. Order No. 4490. File No. P.U. 3758.

Application by the Alberta Pipe Line Company, Limited, for a declaratory Order, consenting to the operation by the Company of a pipe line for the transportation of oil.

Order made on condition that the Company shall be deemed to be and shall be a common carrier.

January 24, 1928. Order No. 4491. File No. P.U. 3115.

Application by the United Electric & Engineering Company, Limited, for authority to issue debentures to the extent of \$100,000.00, payable quarterly, and subject to the provisions as set out in the application and material filed thereon, but subject to the rights of a prior mortgage.

Order made.

April 3, 1928. Order No. 4572. File No. P.U. 17-A.

Application made by the Union Power Company, Limited, for approval of the transfer to it, from George Hilton Scott, of all the right, title, interest and benefit in the franchise agreement and in the distribution system used for distribution of electric energy in the town of Big Valley.

Order made.

April 27, 1928. Order No. 4605. File No. 2226-A.

Application made by Claude C. Howard and Laura L. Harris, of Lamont, and the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval of the assignment and transfer of the franchise held by the said Howard for the supply of electric light and power to the village of Lamont and its inhabitants.

Order made.

May 9, 1928. Order No. 4635-A. File No. P.U. 2742.

Application of Northwestern Utilities, Limited, for approval of plan and book of reference showing the pipe line right of way and sites for Wells Nos. 15 and "X."

Order made.

May 14, 1928. Order No. 4657. File No. P.U. 49-A.

Application made by Wallace Chapman Auld, of Castor, and Mid-West Utilities, Limited, for approval of assignment and transfer of the franchise held by the said Auld for the supply of electric light and power to the Village of Castor and its inhabitants.

Order made.

May 19, 1928. Order No. 4672. File No. C. 110.

Application by the city of Calgary and the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval of a contract dated May 15, 1928, made between the said parties, which contract covers the supply of electric power to the city of Calgary by the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for a period of ten years from the first day of August, 1930.

Order made.

May 19, 1928. Order No. 4673. File No. C. 110.

Application by the city of Calgary and the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval of a contract dated May 15, 1928, made between the said parties, which contract provides for the leasing by the said company of the city's electric steam generating station, as provided by the said contract.

Order made.

May 19, 1928. Order No. 4674. File No. C. 110.

Application by the city of Calgary and the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval of an agreement dated May 15, 1928, and made between said parties, which agreement provides for a variation in certain of the terms of the agreement already existing between the said parties and dated August 6, 1923, and amended on or about March 19, 1928.

Order made.

May 21, 1928. Order No. 4678. File No. P.U. 21-A.

Application made by Emil J. Kryskow, of Mundare, Alberta, carrying on business under the firm name and style of Chipman Electric Company, the holders of the franchise agreement for the supply of electric light and power to the village of Chipman and its inhabitants, for the transfer of all the rights of the said Kryskow in the said franchise, to the Calgary Power Company, Limited.

Order made.

May 22, 1928. Order No. 4680. File No. C. 110.

Application by the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for an order authorizing Calgary Water Power Company, Limited, to make or permit transfers on the books of Calgary Water Power Co., Ltd., to the Calgary Power Company, Limited, or its nominees.

Order made.

May 26, 1928. Order No. 4683-A. File No. P.U. 53-A.

Application by Frank Swinton, of Daysland, for approval of the assignment and transfer to the Calgary Power Company, Limited, of the franchise held by the said Swinton, for the supply of electric light and power to the town of Daysland and its inhabitants.

Order made.

June 27, 1928. Order No. 4759. File No. P.U. 2266-A.

Application by the Bashaw Electric Light & Power Plant, Limited, and the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for the approval, firstly, of the assignment by Verle Allan McCarty to the Bashaw Electric Light and Power Plant, Limited, of the franchise agreement for the supply of electric light and power to the village of Bashaw, granted to the said McCarty, and for the transfer by the said McCarty to the said company, of all his interest in the electric light and power plant formerly operated by him in the village of Bashaw, and, secondly, of the assignment by the Bashaw Electric Light & Power Company, Limited, to the Calgary Power Company, Limited, of all its interest in the electric light system and in the electric light franchise for the said village.

Order made.

August 4, 1928. Order No. 4820. File No. P.U. 2551-A.

Application by the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, for a declaratory order, consenting to the operation by the company of a natural gas pipe line from a point in the Turner Valley Oil Field to a point on its main transmission line, at or near DeWinton, Alberta.

Order made, subject to the provisions of The Pipe Lines Act.

August 23, 1928. Order No. 4841. File No. P.U. 43.

Application by the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, for permission to increase the rate chargeable by the company for natural gas in the town of Brooks from 35c per m.c.f. to 38c per m.c.f., the town consenting thereto.

Order made.

August 25, 1928. Order No. 4845. File No. P.U. 3864.

Application by Southern Utilities Company, Limited, for approval to the supplying by the company of electric light and power to the inhabitants of the hamlet of Coutts.

Order made.

September 14, 1928. Order No. 4874. File No. P.U. 75.

Application by the town of Ponoka and the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval of a contract between the said parties for the sale and purchase of electric power.

Order made.

September 29, 1928. Order No. 4895. File No. P.U. 51.

Application by the Coleman Light & Power Company, for an order approving of the plans and specifications of the proposed waterworks replacement, to be installed in the town of Coleman.

Order made.

October 4, 1928. Order No. 4905. File No. P.U. 2551.

Application by the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, and upon the consent of the cities of Calgary and Lethbridge and the towns of Macleod and Claresholm, for an order varying Order No. 3905, dated November 16, 1926, and bringing into effect the following rates:

			Gross	Discount	Net
First	150,000	cubic feet.....	37c	4c	33c
Next	350,000	" ".....	34c	4c	30c
Next	500,000	" ".....	28c	3c	25c
Next	1,000,000	" ".....	22c	2c	20c
Next	3,000,000	" ".....	19c	2c	17c
Over	5,000,000	" ".....	17c	2c	15c

Minimum charge \$1.00 per month.

Order made.

December 4, 1928. Order No. 4989. File No. P.U. 3115.

Application by the United Electric & Engineering Company, Limited, for permission to register on its books the transfer of certain shares made by certain parties to the Calgary Power Company, Limited.

Order made.

December 8, 1928. Order No. 4992. File No. P.U. 51.

Application by the Coleman Light & Water Company, Limited, for approval of the issue by it of further bonds to the extent of \$16,000.00.

Order made.

December 21, 1928. Order No. 5011. File No. P.U. 3922.

Application by the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval to the supplying by the company of electric light and power to the inhabitants of the hamlet of Vimy.

Order made.

December 21, 1928. Order No. 5012. File No. P.U. 3924.

Application by the Calgary Power Company, Limited, for approval to the supplying by the company of electric light and power to the inhabitants of the hamlet of Edberg.

Order made.

SUMMARY OF DEBENTURE BORROWINGS BY LOCAL
AUTHORITIES, 1928

Local Authorities—	Applications	Net Amount
Cities	37	\$2,211,934.03
Towns	10	132,500.00
Villages	4	11,000.00
Municipal Hospital Districts.....	5	161,000.00
School Districts—		
City	8	\$1,242,000.00
Town	6	129,000.00
Village	6	44,600.00
Rural	117	336,650.00
	137	1,752,250.00
	193	\$4,268,684.03

MUNICIPAL FINANCES

UNDER PART IV OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

Applications received—

March 15—Application of T. T. Grimmett, holder of all debentures issued by the Roberge School District No. 3900.

Formal Sessions of Board—

January 19—Town and School District of Athabasca, at Board's offices, Edmonton.
March 14—Roberge School District No. 3900, at Board's offices, Edmonton.
May 25—Town and School District of Beverly, at Board's offices, Edmonton.

Formal Sessions—Assessment Appeals—

November 14—Canada Creosoting Company, Limited, and Beverly School District No. 2292. December 13, 1928, Order No. 4999.

Recommendations issued and completed—

Recommendation re Milk River Consolidated School District No. 28. Approved by Order in Council No. 572-28, dated May 8, 1928. Order No. 4658, dated May 14, 1928, authorizing District to complete refunding as provided for in Recommendation.
Recommendation re Roberge School District No. 3900. Approved by Order in Council No. 1260-28, dated October 15, 1928. Order No. 4925, dated October 17, 1928, authorizing District to complete refunding as provided for in Recommendation.

Formal Recommendations submitted to debenture holders and pending—

December 6—Town and School District of Beverly.

Applications disposed of—

John Nuveen & Company and Milk River Consolidated School District No. 28. Order No. 4658, May 14, 1928.
T. T. Grimmett and Roberge School District No. 3900. Order No. 4925, October 17, 1928.

Applications Not Proceeded With—

Tom Farmer and Lone Star School District No. 1943.
T. H. Ratcliffe and Flaxland School District No. 2988.
R. F. Whiteside and Pipe Line School District No. 2383.

Applications Pending—

Town and School District of Beverly (Securing consents of debenture holders).
Town of Bow Island (Securing information from town).

Application Under The Sale of Shares Act

Name of Company	Capitalization	Par value of shares	How Disposed of
Acme Co-operative Assn. of U.F.A.	Unlimited	\$ 25.00	March 20, 1928. Cert. No. 288, 300 shares.
Alberta Concrete Products, Limited.	\$ 60,000.00	10.00	February 1, 1928. Cert. No. 285, 3,000 shares.
Alexandra Gold Mines, Limited.	5,000,000.00	1.00	Dismissed.
Boychuk, N. P., and Marks, A. L. (Boychuk Stooker Patent Company, Limited)	500,000.00	25.00	March 21, 1928. Cert. No. 289, 2,700 shares.
Brotherston Electric Company, Limited.	5,000.00	100.00	Refused.
Calgary Elks Holding Company, Limited.	150,000.00		July 17, 1928. Cert. No. 306, \$60,000.00 second mortgage debentures.
Camrose Orange Welfare Association.	2,500.00	10.00	February 14, 1928. Cert. No. 286, 250 shares.
Camrose U.F.A. and U.F.W. A. Association, Limited.	Unlimited	10.00	February 20, 1928. Cert. No. 287, 200 shares.
Capital Finance Corporation, Limited.	110,000.00	100.00 Preferred 5.00 Common	May 14, 1928. Cert. No. 299, 1,000 shares preferred stock, 2,000 shares common stock.
Clive Community Hall Company, Limited.	6,000.00	25.00	June 6, 1928. Cert. No. 303, 120 shares.
Copper Lake Syndicate, Limited.	50,000.00	1.00	May 17, 1928. Cert. No. 301, 10,000 shares.
Edmonton Finances Limited.	20,000.00	50.00	January 26, 1928. Cert. No. 284, 400 shares.
Elnora Community Hall, Limited,	8,000.00	10.00	April 30, 1928. Cert. No. 296, 800 shares.
Galena Ghat Mines, Limited.			Withdrawn.
Highlands Golf Club, Limited.	30,000.00	100.00	July 11, 1928. Cert. No. 305, 200 shares.
Home Furnace and Toilet Supply, Limited.	20,000.00	100.00	April 20, 1928. Cert. No. 295, 70 shares.
Kootenay Premier Mines, Limited.	500,000.00	.25	Refused.
Mayland Oil Company, Limited.	300,000.00	1.00	May 4, 1928. Cert. No. 297, 125,000 shares.
McGavin, Limited.	750,000.00	100.00	March 30, 1928. Cert. No. 291, 2,500 shares.
McLeod Oil Company, Limited.	250,000.00	1.00	June 30, 1928. Cert. No. 269, 40,000 shares, renewed.

APPLICATION UNDER THE SALE OF SHARES ACT—*Continued*

Name of Company.	Capitalization	Par value of shares	How disposed of.
Mid-West Finance Company, Limited.	\$100,000.00	\$100.00	November 27, 1928. Cert. No. 313, 1,000 shares.
Mutual Investment Company, Limited.	100,000.00	100.00	June 28, 1928. Cert. No. 304, 200 shares Common and 400 shares Preferred stock.
National Stores, Limited.			Refused.
Oxville Oil, Gas and Development Company, Limited.	70,000.00	1.00	September 29, 1928. Cert. No. 309, 25,000 shares.
Pacific Finance Company, Limited.	1,000,000.00	100.00	October 17, 1928. Cert. No. 310, 999 shares.
Reesor Flour Mills, Limited.	100,000.00	100.00	October 26, 1928. Cert. No. 312, 150 shares.
Royal Theatres, Limited.	35,000.00	500.00	August 20, 1928. Cert. No. 308, 40 First Mortgage Gold Bonds.
Sangudo Exhibition Association, Limited.	20,000.00	10.00	May 16, 1928. Cert. No. 300, 2,000 shares.
Scottish Financiers' Company, Limited.	100,000.00	100.00	March 24, 1928. Cert. No. 290, 500 shares.
St. Paul Elks Community Hall Company, Limited.	20,000.00	10.00	Pending.
United Stockmen, Limited.	10,000.00	10.00	October 22, 1928. Cert. No. 311, 200 shares.
Raymond Thompson Company, Limited.	100,000.00	10.00	April 17, 1928. Cert. No. 294, 1,000 shares.
G. F. Tull & Arden, Limited (Midland Pacific Terminal, Limited).			\$300,000.00 First Mortgage 15 year 6½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.
Utility Investments, Limited.	30,000.00	50.00	April 13, 1928. Cert. No. 293, 600 shares.
Vegreville Exhibition Association, Limited.	25,000.00	25.00	January 12, 1928. Cert. No. 283, 150 shares.
Vilna Milling Company, Limited.	20,000.00	50.00	July 21, 1928. Cert. No. 307, 400 shares.
J. A. Werner Hardware Company, Limited.	100,000.00	100.00	April 5, 1928. Cert. No. 292, 300 shares.
World's Butter Review Publishing Company, Limited.	50,000.00	100.00	June 2, 1928. Cert. No. 302, 100 shares.

Application for Approval of Tariffs Under The Public Vehicles Act

Applicant.	Route	How disposed of.
Bliston, Harold	Bellevue-Coleman.	Approved, Order No. 4641, May 10, 1928.
Blue Bus Lines, Limited.	Nanton-Calgary.	Approved, Order No. 4639, May 10, 1928.
Brewster Transport Com- pany, Limited.	Red Deer-Calgary.	Approved, Order No. 4644, May 11, 1928.
Brewster Transport Com- pany, Limited.	Red Deer-Edmonton.	Approved, Order No. 4645, May 11, 1928.
Brewster Transport Com- pany, Limited.	Calgary-Banff.	Approved, Order No. 4705, June 12, 1928.
Brewster Transport Com- pany, Limited.	Calgary-Lethbridge.	Not proceeded with.
Brewster Transport Com- pany, Limited.	Macleod-Waterton Lakes.	Approved, Order No. 4731, June 19, 1928.
Bruce-Marsden, Walter	Milo-Gleichen.	Approved, Order No. 4640, May 10, 1928.
Duncan, R. J.	Strathmore-Elnora.	Not proceeded with.
Duncan, R. J.	Gleichen-Strathmore.	Approved, Order No. 4962, November 13, 1928.
Duncan, R. J.	Calgary-Strathmore.	Approved, Order No. 4961, November 13, 1928.
Duncan, R. J.	Strathmore-Drumheller.	Withdrawn.
Duncan, Bonnor & Howard	Hussar-Strathmore.	Approved, Order No. 4853, August 30, 1928.
Duncan, Bonnor & Howard	Calgary-Arrowwood.	Approved, Order No. 4928, October 20, 1928.
Foothill Transportation Com- pany, Limited.	Calgary-Nanton.	Approved, Order No. 4732, June 19, 1928.
Glacier Park Transport Com- pany.	Carway-Waterton Park.	Approved, Order No. 4730, June 19, 1928.
Hansen, Carl E.	Calgary-Carbon.	Approved, Order No. 4642, May 11, 1928.
Horner, J. Victor	Edmonton-Barrhead.	Approved, Order No. 4624, April 30, 1928.
Jette, H. F.	Pincher Creek-Pincher Station.	Approved, Order No. 4830, August 15, 1928.
Jones, G. T.	Gleichen-Arrowwood.	Approved, Order No. 4933, October 23, 1928.
Rounds, Wm. H.	Nacmine-Rosedale.	Approved, Order No. 4638, May 10, 1928.
Schmidt, G. H.	Medicine Hat-Hilda.	Approved, Order No. 4643, May 11, 1928.

COAL-MINERS' WAGES SECURITY ACT

Applications under Section 9 of the Act, for Certificates of Exemption from furnishing a bond or other security.

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